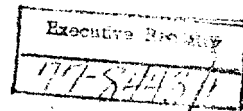


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Sayre Stevens  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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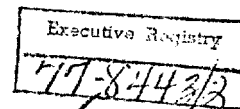
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Attachments: 3  
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*File - pls draft letter from me to  
Ronal McVally expressing they acknowledge  
our product*

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## REMARKS:

Note DCI's "yes" on suggestion that we ask Rand McNally to include credit to CIA when they use our maps in the public domain.

Assume this is item for lawyers to write, but you might prefer your or DCI signature to make it more an appeal to the heart rather than to legalities.

Suggest you assign action and indicate whose signature would be best (I like DCI's myself).

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Date: 3 August 1977

TO: The Director

FROM:

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REMARKS:

Here is a response to the question raised during your meeting with summer interns about the wider distribution of CIA-produced maps and atlases.

In brief:

--We offer unclassified production to GPO for possible sale to the public; also to Library of Congress where they can be reviewed and sold. All have CIA credit line.

--This action puts them into the public domain. That means that anyone can take it and publish it, as Rand McNally does, without credit to CIA.

--We supply limited copies of maps directly; we make speeches to academic and library groups; we provide data base material to the public via Commerce.

In short, it looks like we have a very open and responsive posture on this subject. Steven ~~as~~ recommends against any attempt to expand due to limited resources, plus potential backlash from GPO and private publishers.

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Thought: Could we not appeal to Rand McNally and anyone else we learn is going to reproduce our materials, to at least give us a credit line in the forward or somewhere? They wouldn't have to do so but might.

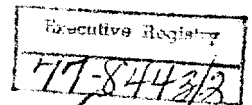
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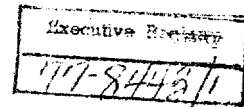


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